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BAY STATE DELEGATION CALLS FOR 100% SCREENING OF CHECKED BAGGAGE

Letter to Senate-House Conferees on Aviation Security Bill Demands Deadline for Complete Screening of Baggage

WASHINGTON, D.C. --

Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) along with the rest of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation sent a letter to Senate and House conferees on aviation security legislation. The letter calls for a strict deadline for the FAA to implement a system that screens 100% of checked baggage.

"Everyday that goes by without examining each piece of luggage that enters a plane, is another day Americans will fear flying, or even worse, be exposed to a possible terrorist attack. The war against terrorism is urgent, and Congress must set deadlines that reflect that urgency," the letter stated.

Markey said, "We are using a horse-and-buggy regulatory system to deal with supersonic-era threats to the safety of the American people. It is essential that we use baggage-screening technology that is available to guard against new suicide-style missions that endanger the security of all Americans. Screening all baggage for explosives before it enters the belly of the plane is one step towards restoring consumer confidence that many Americans lost on September 11."

For more information and a copy of the letter, please see our website: www.house.gov/markey and check the Anti-Terrorism Issues area.

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